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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION DELEGATION STRUCK BY EGYPTIAN
COMMITMENT TO PEACE WITH ISRAEL

1. NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) PRESIDENT TOR
ASPENGREN, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY KAARE SANDEGREN AND
SEAMEN'S UNION PRESIDENT HENRIK AASAROD VISITED EGYPT
LAST WEEK IN AUGUST AS GUESTS OF TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.
THEY MET WITH LEADERS OF EGYPTIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT
AND TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION, AS WELL AS POLITICAL PARTY,
AND WITH DIRECTOR OF SUEZ CANAL OF WHICH NORWEGIAN SHIPS
SECOND BIGGEST USER. NORWEGIANS WERE IMPRESSED, EVEN
ASTOUNDED, BY EXTENT EGYPTIAN BASING PLANS AND ACTIONS
ON ASSUMPTION PEACE WILL BE ACHIEVED AND AT TRUST
IN AND RELIANCE ON US IN THIS REGARD. SANDEGREN WAS ANXIOUS TO
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REINFORCE US DETERMINATION TO PERSERVERE, SAYING THAT

EFFORT "MUST NOT FAIL." LO, SANDEGREN ADDED, MAINTAINS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH HISTRADUT, CONSULTED WITH THEM BEFORE AND AFTER TRIP, AND IS PUSHING LINE WITH BOTH EGYPTIANS AND ARABS THAT IF UNIONS OF VARIOUS IDEOLOGIES CAN BE TOGETHER IN ETUC AND EASTERN AND WESTERN UNIONISTS CAN HAVE EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS ON TRADE UNION SUBJECTS, THE SAME SHOULD BE TRUE OF EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI UNIONISTS, WHO COULD SERVE AS FORCE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE. EGYPTIAN TRADE UNION DELEGATION WAS INVITED TO NORWAY IN 1975.

2. NORWEGIANS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY BUSINESSLIKE HONESTY OF SUEZ CANAL DIRECTOR, WHO THEY UNDERSTAND IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF SADAT. THEY ALSO EMPHASIZED EGYPTIAN ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS ON CANAL PASSAGE EXCEPT THAT ISRAELI FLAG SHIPS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE CANAL UNTIL AFTER A PEACE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. EVEN THE ONE RESTRICTION WAS VIEWED POSITIVELY BY NORWEGIANS AS AN INDICATION OF EGYPTIAN OPENNESS TO ISRAELI SHIPS' TO USE THE CANAL, AND NOTED UNIVERSAL ASSUMPTION THERE THAT A PEACE AGREEMENT WOULD INDEED BE ACHIEVED.

3. NORWEGIANS APPALLED BY MISERY IN EGYPT AND ALSO AT SLOWNESS OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AT RESPONDING TO NORWEGIAN OFFERS OF FOREIGN AID. SANDEGREN SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF THESE AID OFFERS WERE REMARKED UPON BY US REPRESENTATIVES IN CAIRO. HERE ALSO NORWEGIANS IMPRESSED AT EGYPTIAN RELIANCE ON US FOR HELP, ESPECIALLY IN CLEARING SUEZ CANAL, AND THE RELATIVE DISILLUSIONMENT WITH SOVIETS. BUCHANAN

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